

To All Americans:

The effectiveness of the National Economic Council in fighting Communism and Socialism has stirred up violent attack against us.

"Walter Winchell," now sponsored by Richard Hudnut, seems to be the spearhead of the attack.

Even the national organization of the American Legion appears to have been brought within the evil and vindictive influence of the Zionists! For the National Economic Council was invited by the National Commander of the Legion to take part in a two-day conference against Communism held in New York January 28th and 29th; but when our representative presented himself to register, he was drawn aside and it was explained to him that for reasons embarrassing to the Legion officers, the National Economic Council would not be admitted. Investigation disclosed that this action was taken at the instance of Zionists, principally the B'nai B'rith. An official of CIO was made chairman and a representative of the B'nai B'rith was made a member of the committee set up by the Legion conference to fight Communism.

Isaac Don Levine's leading article in the February *Plain Talk* Magazine was the next move. Some friends of Levine's knew in advance he was considering this action, but they dissuaded him. Later Levine changed his mind, and the article appeared. We are dealing with this article in the February 15th Council Letter.

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Lately Walter Winchell has been uttering blurbs about the Council over the radio and in his column.

It is well to remember what and who Winchell is. He changed his name from something else to what he calls himself today. (Why do they do that—and then get laws passed forbidding any employer to ask whether a man ever had another name?) In the war he wangled a Navy commission, but before the war was over he was ordered out of his uniform—why, it might be interesting to inquire.

Winchell has referred to an alleged "American Legion Exposure of Hate Groups." One Elliodor Libonati persuaded Congressman Yates of Illinois, himself a left-winger, to introduce into the Congressional Record an alleged "report" by the Americanism Committee of the Illinois Department of the Legion. The text of the document put in the Record by Mr. Yates is vague; it does not say where or when the "report" was adopted; and we are informed by reliable authority in Illinois that there is grave doubt any such report was ever adopted. It seems rather to be merely the personal spite of Libonati, who, offering no

evidence whatever, lists twenty or more organizations as "hate groups."

It is significant that the only groups listed among these "hate groups" are those opposed to Communism. By itself it is a smear.

Yet Winchell adopts this as authentic.

Winchell, in his column of January 31st, and on the radio February 5th, has announced the publication of "another 'Under Cover' best seller."

The author of "Under Cover," it will be remembered, was described by Federal Judge Barnes of Chicago, in the presence of the author "John Roy Carlson," and representatives of the publisher, E. P. Dutton & Co., as a man whom he "would not believe under oath," and Dutton as "a publisher that would print anything for a dollar."

The name of this sequel to "Under Cover" is "A Measure of Freedom." The author is Arnold Forster. Winchell said the publisher is to be the Doubleday firm and that the book will be out the last week in March.

Arnold Forster is American-born, his father, Hyman Fastenberg, having been born in Poland. The son, author of the forthcoming book, changed his name to Forster.

"Forster," from May 1940 to date, has been employed by the Anti-Defamation League (a subdivision of B'nai B'rith) in New York. His organization subsidized the Coordinating Committee for Democratic Action and the Institute for Propaganda Analysis. "Forster" is close to Arthur Goldsmith, one of the leading financiers of anti-Christian smear movements, and Walter Winchell. "Arnold Forster" was classified as 1-A in the draft of World War II, but on the ground that he was "promoting educational research" (!) he was reclassified as 3-A.

Doubtless following the technique of the distribution of the John Roy Carlson books, wealthy Zionists will purchase quantities of "Forster's" book and send them free around the country.

The Doubleday company might do well to familiarize itself with the sad experience of E. P. Dutton & Co. in libel suits arising out of "Under Cover."

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Winchell, in a recent column, listed certain contributors to the National Economic Council. We are required by the Lobbying Act to report the names of certain contributors, though not the amounts given. Winchell lists some of them and then asks, "And what

do their stockholders have to say?" This is just one more of the intimidations attempted by the Winchells and their ilk.

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The National Economic Council is twenty years old. It is quite accustomed to smears from Communists, Socialists and Zionists. Indeed, we seem to thrive on them, because after every smear, while a few timid souls have backed away, we have had a new accession of strength and growth. Since Winchell and Levine uttered their recent smears, new subscriptions have come in and old friends have increased their subscriptions.

The theme that runs through the smears of Winchell, Drew Pearson and others, and which appears so often in the *Daily Worker*, is that we are a "hate group."

Zionists generally, and Winchell in particular, are using this term as a smoke-screen to conceal their own hate. For they are the greatest hate group that ever appeared in the United States. There has been none other comparable with them. Any reader who doubts this will do well to write the American Council for Judaism, 201 East 57th Street, New York 22, for a copy of its *Council News* for December. He will see from this that Lessing Rosenwald, its President, and formerly Chairman of the Board of Sears Roebuck & Co., and other leading Jews are even more alarmed about the threat of Zionism to America—and to the loyal American Jews as well—than we are.

The Winchells say our "hate" is directed against Jews. Well, we have no hates. We are Christians, and we do not hate anybody. But we hate the sneaking, lying practices of the Winchells, the Drew Pearsons, and agents of the Anti-Defamation League and B'nai B'rith. We hate their spying, sneaking efforts to intimidate anybody and everybody who stands in their way. We hate their implied incitements to violence against those who disagree with them, as when Win-

chell in his column of February 5th, said that M. K. Hart "... will probably need new bridgework one day." If the whole truth were to come out about these alien-minded gentry, they wouldn't last long. No American business man would dare sponsor them or contribute to them.

And we think the American people are getting very sick of their dirty work. They have gone far in poisoning American life.

We have only to say, as we are saying in our Council Letter 233, that we have many Jewish members. Much of our business is done with Jews, and always has been, and with satisfaction to both sides. And we have the esteem of patriotic Americans of the Jewish faith, as they have ours.

The hate is *theirs*—the Zionists! They are the group most responsible for injecting hate into American life.

We shall not speak of this subject again, unless special circumstances arise. We have too much of a constructive nature to do.

In spite of all the wiles of Zionists, the National Economic Council will hew to the line in its efforts to make life freer, better and happier for all who live in America.

To help us in our fight to sustain private enterprise and maintain American independence, will you not send us a large subscription to our work. Persuade some friend to subscribe. Pass this letter on to friends. We will send you copies free on application.

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